**HONORS EARTH SCIENCE – Fall, 2016**

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**Period** **3 planning --------12:55-2:25**

**Note: this page along with my contact information is found on the OHS website at “**[**www.orange.k12.nc.us**](http://www.orange.k12.nc.us/)**”, then academics, departments, science, then Greg Brooks's website**

***Course Description*:**

The course topic outline will follow the NC Guidelines for Earth and Environmental Science. Topics include geography, geology, meteorology, oceanography, and some application of the Earth’s interaction with life (ecology). Students will learn how and why the dynamic actions that shape our Earth are happening.

The daily schedule will be a combination of: note-taking with visual aids, handout or webquest class activities, labs, and videos; using our chromebooks whenever possible. Our information sources include; our discovery education techbook (ocs.discoveryeducation.com), a supplemental techbook (ck12.org/earth-science/), and a classroom textbook & workbook.

Generally, homework should take no longer than 20-30 minutes at home & will be assigned periodically. Preparing for a test or quiz will require more study time.

**Classwork/homework assignments turned in late will be accepted up to one week late *but for half credit (at best)*.** Assignments missed due to absence(s) are to be turned in immediately upon return (as a general rule, 1 day allowed for each day missed).

Tests & quizzes are announced in advance and are to be made up the day a student returns to class or the following day (student’s choice). Extended absences may require more time.

**Students are expected to report to class each day, before the tardy bell, with necessary class materials (listed separately), sit in their assigned seats, & to have their fully charged chromebook & earphones with them. All notes, documents, and classwork will be kept either in their computer folder or in their 3-ring (science-only binder).**

***Class Materials:***

* ***3-ring science only******binder*** -**half inch size is big enough**
* **# 2** ***pencils or*** **blue/black *pens***
* ***colored pencils*** **– set of 5-10**
* ***chromebook*** **- charged daily**
* **Scissors, glue, & scotch tape -**  **optional but recommended**

***Evaluation and Grading (point system):***

* ***tests/projects*** – approx. 35-45 pts. each; final exam is 20% of course grade
* ***quizzes*** – approx. 10-20 pts each; half of each unit's content
* ***classwork/homework*** – approx. 2-3 points each; in powerschool, usually

2 assignments combined into one 4-5 pt. assignment

* **labs** – graded with same point totals as classwork/homework
* ***extra credit*** – points at teacher's discretion added to other classwork or lab

assignments

***Classroom Policies:***

**1. Stay in your assigned seat** unless you have teacher permission

**2.** **Do not disrupt class** by talking out loud without permission, throwing things, etc.

**3.** **Follow School & Classroom Rules**: a) respectful - to teacher & other students; b) bathroom policy not abused - one at a time, not daily, 10 min rule at start & end; c) cell phone & music - in bag & turned off unless granted permission by teacher, d) no food or drink (water is permissable)

***Grade Notification:***

● Grades can be viewed by parents & students in **PowerSchool.** A student's most recent work may require up to a week before appearing in PowerSchool. Also, progress reports will be sent home twice (at the midway point of each grading period). **Please e-mail or phone for grade updates or concerns**.

Parent /Guardian Signature:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_